

# *State Route 99*

## *Safety and Operational Improvement Project*



### *FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION*

*State Route 99 in Sutter County, California*

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## **General Information About This Document**

### ***What's in this document?***

This document is a Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment, which examines the environmental impacts of the proposed project located in Sutter County, California.

This document complies with both the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and an Environmental Assessment (EA) when it has been determined that a project involving State and/or Federal funds may have substantial impacts on the environment. While CEQA requires that each effect having a "significant impact" be identified in an EIR, NEPA does not. In this document references to "significant impact" are made to fulfill this requirement under CEQA, pursuant to California law. No representation as to significance made in this document represents an assessment as to the magnitude of such an impact under the requirements of Federal law. Under NEPA, no such determination need be made for a specific environmental effect.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (DEIR/EA) was circulated to the public for (45) days, from June 24, 2002 to August 7, 2002. A public workshop was held on July 31, 2002. Comments received on the DEIR/EA, comments from the public workshop, and Caltrans' responses are contained in Appendix B. Changes to the DEIR/EA text in response to comments received are contained in this FEIR/EA, as indicated by a vertical line in the margin.

### ***What happens after this***

Following review and approval of this FEIR/EA, Caltrans and FHWA may (1) give environmental approval to the proposed project, (2) undertake additional environmental studies, or (3) abandon the project. If the project is given environmental approval and funding is appropriated, Caltrans could design and construct all or part of the project.

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